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Sir:

A final Office Action was mailed on October 31, 2001, in connection with the above-identified application. The application is on appeal. The applicants filed a Reply Brief on August 19, 2002, and have received an Office communication dated August 29, 2002, indicating that the Reply Brief of August 19, 2002, has been entered.

The last Office communication which the applicants have received is the Office communication of October 16, 2002, in which the Examiner provided the initialed copy of the replacement form PTO-1449 which was missing from the Office communication of July 10, 2002, as requested in the paper filed on

September 5, 2002, and entitled "Request for Copy of Form PTO-1449 Missing from Office Communication of July 10, 2002".

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d) and 1.98, attached hereto are copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,699,474, 5,715,357, 6,289,102, 6,356,704, 6,374,036, and 6,437,933 and U.S. Patent Application Publication Nos. 2001/0046101, 2002/0007347, and 2002/0037039, and a form PTO-1449 listing these nine references.

These nine references were cited by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in an Office Action dated December 18, 2002, issued in application Serial No. 09/712,970 filed on November 16, 2000, which is a continuation of the present application.

Three other references, i.e. U.S. Patent Nos. 5,659,613 and 6,209,092 and Microsoft Press Computer Dictionary, third edition, 1997, page 255, were also cited in the Office Action of December 18, 2002, issued in continuation application Serial No. 09/712,970. However, these three references are not being cited in this Information Disclosure Statement because they have already been cited by or submitted to the Office in the present application.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d), this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing date of the final Office Action of October 31, 2001.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(d)(1) and 1.97(e)(2), on information and belief, I hereby state that no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a

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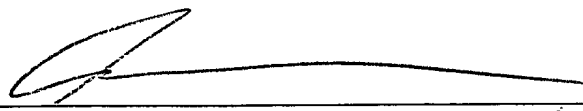
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It is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be considered.

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